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Red Economy Outpaces Ours, Say Experts

Washington, Oct. 25 (UPI).—A group of experts on the Soviet economy said today that Russia had been expanding its production faster than the United States in a move to strengthen its economic, military and political position throughout the world.

But in statements submitted to a Congressional committee, the experts questioned whether the Soviet economy was growing as fast as Premier Khrushchev and other Soviet officials have claimed.

In any case, they said, the

strengthen Russia's economic, political and military position.

Bornstein speculated that the Soviet gross national product would rise from 46% of the U.S. level in 1958 to about 53% in 1965.

But Francis M. Boddy of the University of Minnesota said the Soviet growth rate "may make it possible for the Soviet income and product to approach the levels of

those of the United States in the not-too-distant future, if our growth rates of the recent past are not substantially increased."



Allen W. Dulles
Probable to hear him

United States had a big head start.

Hearings to Follow

The experts' views were sought by a House-Senate Economic subcommittee in preparation for hearings to obtain an up-to-date comparison between the U. S. and Soviet economies. The hearings will get under way Nov. 13.

The first witness will be Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who will make one of his rare public appearances. Because of the sensitive nature of his job, Dulles usually testifies at closed committee hearings.

In the report, second of a series, Morris Bornstein of the University of Michigan said it appeared that the Soviet "national product"—the total output of goods and services—had been growing at about twice the U.S. rate since 1950, or at an annual rate of 6% as against 3% in this country.

He said Russia's increasing production would "be prominently cited in Soviet efforts to convince underdeveloped countries" to embrace Communism and would